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Applicant(s): <b>Thyssen, et al.</b>	Group Art Unit: 2641
Application Serial No.: <b>09/841,764</b>	Examiner: Nolan, D.
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Title: <b>Silence Description Coding for Multi-Rate Speech Codecs</b>	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the first Office Action, dated September 13, 2001. Appropriate fee for a one-month extension of time has been included. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 45 without prejudice, and amend claims 21, 26-30, 32, 34, 38, 39, 42, 44 and 46 as follows: